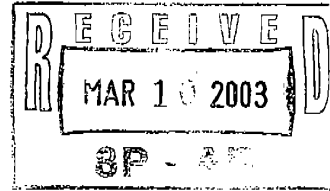




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February 20, 2003

Mr. Robert E. Roberts  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA - Region VIII  
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Re: Ozone Attainment Status

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The North Dakota Department of Health has been monitoring the ambient concentration of ozone for many years. The data for 2000, 2001 and 2002 indicates compliance in all areas of the State with the eight-hour ozone standard that was promulgated on July 18, 1997. The data that is the basis of this assessment has been entered into the Air Quality Subsystem (AQS). The Department of Health believes the monitoring data to be complete and accurate. Based on the monitoring data, it is recommended that the entire state of North Dakota be designated as attainment for the new eight-hour ozone standard.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Air Quality of the Department of Health at (701) 328-5188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of John Hoeven in dark ink.  
John Hoeven  
Governor

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Enclosure

cc: Terry Dwelle, State Health Officer  
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